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Schemes to Enhance Production of Spices
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes of the Spices Board to enhance the production of spices in the country;

(b) the steps taken by the Spices Board to encourage value addition in the spices; and

(c) the total quality and value of spices exported from the country during each of the last three years and the current year along with the total earnings therefrom?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a): Spices Board is mandated to regulate and support production & development of Cardamom and export promotion of fifty spices including Cardamom. Under the 12th Plan Scheme of "Export Oriented Production, Export Development & Promotion of Spices", various programmes for production of quality planting materials, replanting of old and uneconomic gardens, new planting, irrigation development programme, improved curing facilities, farm mechanization, etc. are taken up for boosting production of small and large cardamom in the country.
Besides, several programmes for development and production of spices are implemented through State Horticulture Mission under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) of Ministry of Agriculture. Government has also established Spice Development Agencies in different parts of the country for boosting development of spices at regional level.

(b): For encouraging value addition in the spices, the Spices Board implements several development and promotion programmes including development of infrastructure for common processing facilities in Spice Parks, adaptation of upgraded technology in spice processing, setting up of quality evaluation labs, quality certification and training of laboratory personnel, assistance to farmers on post harvest quality improvement, imparting training to farmers in Good Agricultural Practices etc.
(c): Details of export of spices during the last three years and the current year are given below:

Year	Export Quantity of spices (Tons)	Value of spices (USD Million)
2011-12	5,75,270	2037.76
2012-13	7,26,613	2212.13
2013-14	8,17,250	2267.67
2014-15(*)	8,93,920	2432.85

(*) Provisional

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